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Horrified that the descendant of Nathan Manas is still alive, Ernan sends out two of his best men to find and kill him. Meanwhile, Arin decides to journey with Zian and Ugdrasil to Elka to meet the great prophet Berouze. But when they meet two more travelers along the way in the Taos Forest, suspicions begin to mount on both sides...

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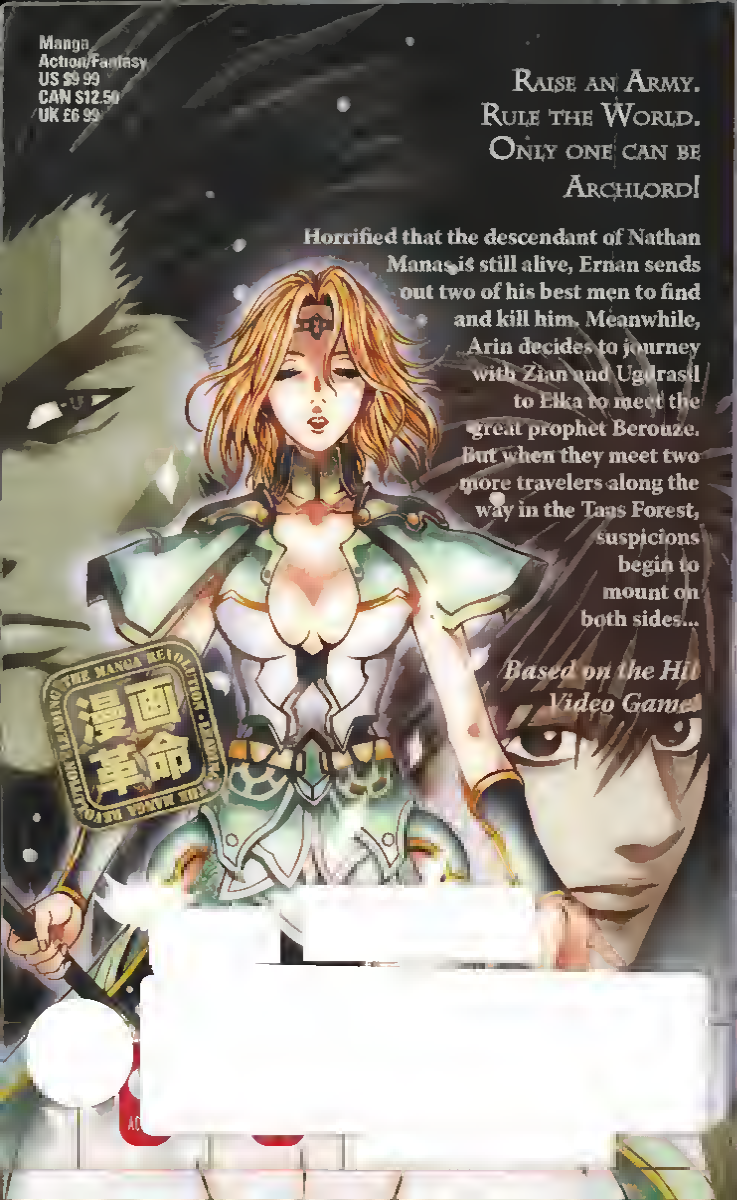

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Archlord History - The Chronicles of Chantra

Long ago, the Elementals infused their power into the very stones of the continent of Chantra, creating a land of magic and mystery whispered about in legends around the world. The most seductive story was that five of the gemstones --Archons-- bestowed unimaginable power upon their bearer. Adventurers from many lands sought to make this power their own -- including humans and Orcs from the western continent. But though they were in a new land, they brought their old racial hatreds with them.

Two heroes emerged in Chantra around the year 7 BD -- the human warrior Nathan and the Orc magician Walcure. Both set out on their own quest to find the Archons. Their paths crossed in the heat of the Windrill desert as they searched for ancient ruins. Their instinctive hatred gripped them and they launched into a fierce battle, magic against strength and steel, clashing for hours on end. But they were evenly matched, and finally they collapsed from exhaustion. Recognizing each other as formidable fighters, both worthy of respect, they shared their water and formed a lasting friendship.

Together they continued the quest for the Archons, finally finding the old ruins. The tumbled rock and broken roads of the ancient city were not entirely abandoned, however. Destiny had one final trial for them. As they explored the remains of the city they discovered a great hall. Wandering deep into it they saw before them a throne richly decorated with carvings of warriors in fierce battle. As they stood there marveling, a man stepped from behind the throne. He was dressed in armor matching the carvings and he raised a menacing sword. This was Salamander, the last remaining guardian of this once amazing city. He was left by the ancients to defend their treasures to the end. He launched into a ferocious attack. It took the skill of both heroes to defeat the great Salamander.

As the mighty warrior fell, a huge door at the rear of the hall slid back revealing two incredible weapons. Both carried an Archon, infused with primordial Elemental power. The sword held the Archon of Fire, the staff held the Archon of Earth. Moving forward each claimed one -- Nathan chose the sword and Walcure took the staff.

Their adventure finished, they knew it was time to return to their own people. As the battle brothers parted ways they lifted a ring from the fallen Salamander and split it between them as a reminder of their shared journey and newfound allegiance to each other.

Nathan earned a reputation as a righteous warrior and built a great castle on Chantra called Manas. Walcure came to be called the greatest magician in all of Orc history. Countless tales of their achievements were told for generations, and over time, even their weapons took on names of their own. Nathan's sword became known as Brumhart, while Walcure's staff acquired the name Gaiahon. But the most important event of their lives would happen six years later.

One night six years later, Nathan and Walcure were both awakened by an eerie sound -- a wailing cry only they could hear. It seemed to come from their magical weapons. Mystified, they both traveled to Serend to consult Gracia, a wise archer of the Moon elves. They arrived at the same time, and Gracia knew why they had come. Her own bow, Evengarda, contained two Archons and was also wailing. She explained that a magician called Cynpus had gained an Archon of his own, and was calling the weapons -- trying to unite all the powers of the Elementals in one person. Trying to become an ArchLord.

With all five Archons, Cynpus would be nearly invincible, and the three heroes knew that one person could not be trusted with such enormous powers. Nathan, Walcure and Gracia banded together to find Cynpus and defeat him. At last they confronted him and a battle ensued in the same ancient, desert ruins where Walcure and Nathan had gained their Archons. All three fought tirelessly, but finally it was the Moon elf Gracia who took down Cynpus with her bow. It cost her a deep wound from his magic, but the heroes triumphed. They had no respect for the power-hungry magician, so they abandoned the body in the ruins, Gracia's arrows still piercing Cynpus' chest. Afraid of being tempted by the power of five united Archons, the heroes decided to hide the one they gained from Cynpus. At the time, a great city named Dulan was being constructed--at its heart a mighty castle. Together they buried the final Archon under the castle's foundation stone and sealed it with magic.

The secret of its resting place was never revealed, but Nathan had witnessed the full extent of the power of the Archon, and he became cautious of the Archon inside Brumhart. He asked the Noum to craft a magical scabbard, which would seal in the power of the sword as long as it was sheathed. From then on, he drew his weapon only when absolutely necessary, and strong cautions were handed down as the sword passed on through generations of his descendants.

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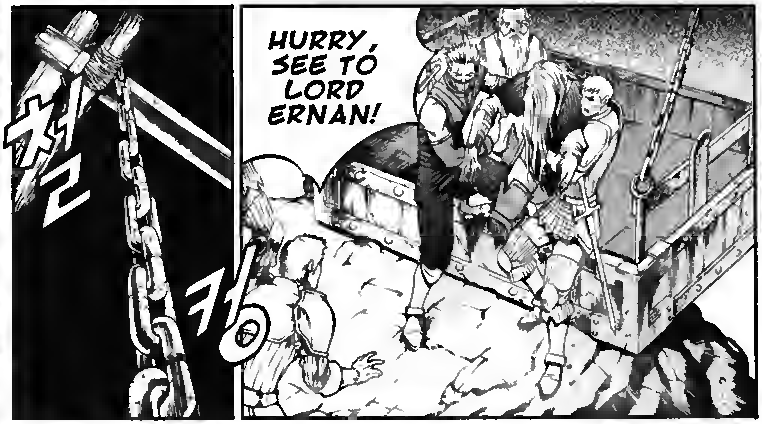
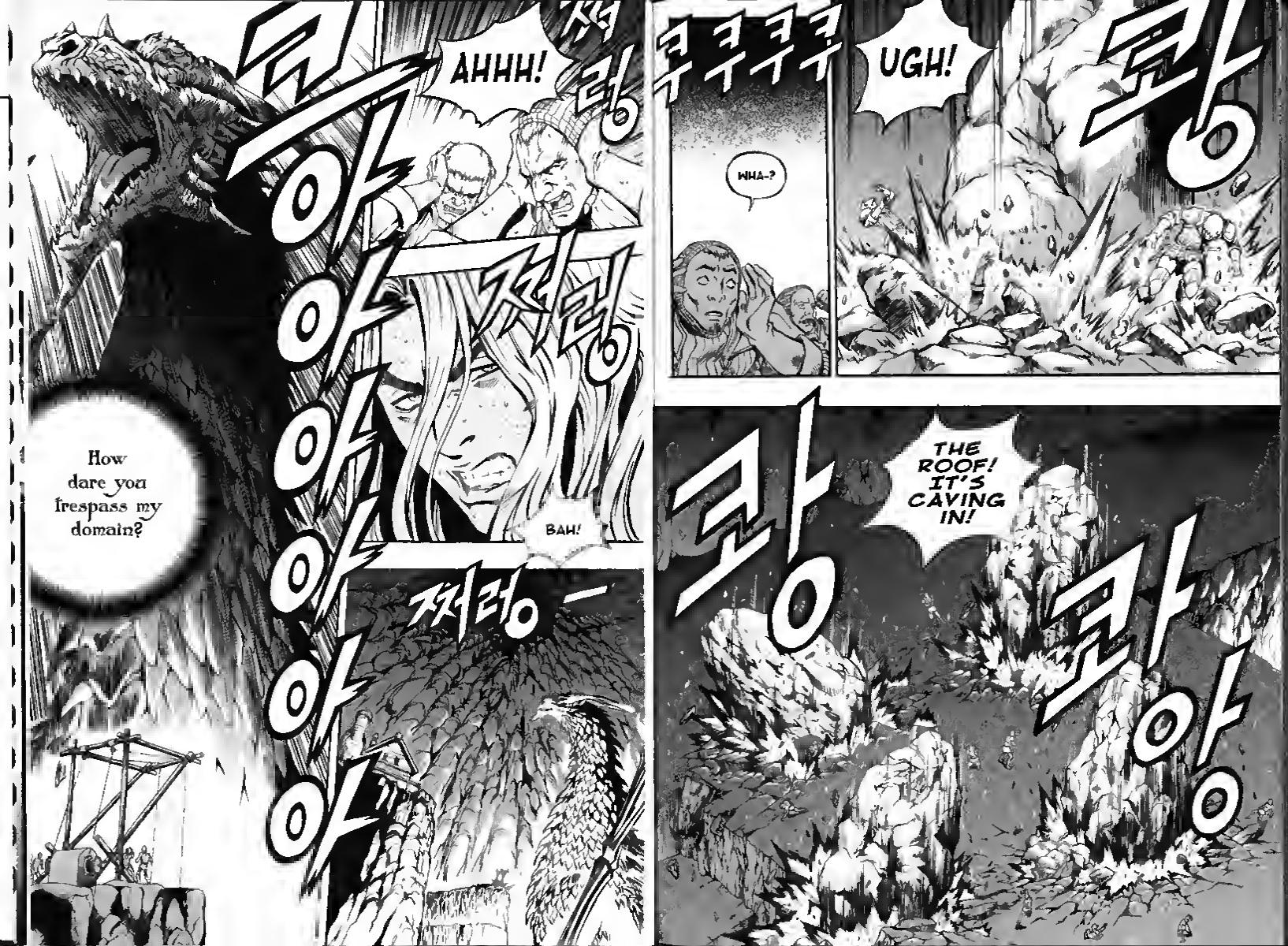
Episode 8
Rume Traval's Trial, Part II

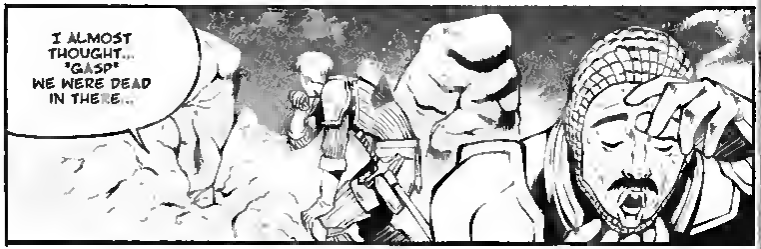
D-DRAGON?
THIS CAN'T BE!


HURRY, SEE TO LORD ERNAN!

M'LORD...
HURGH
GHAHH..
KILL...

FETCH A BANDAGE!
GHUAKK!
I SAID KILL THEM!
SLAUGHTER THESE LITTLE DEMONS!


How dare you trespass my domain?
AHHH!
BAH!
UGH!
WHA-?
THE ROOF! IT'S CAVING IN!


I ALMOST THOUGHT... *GASP* WE WERE DEAD IN THERE..

PHEW!

WHA- GIANT BATS?!

GAAK...
SO MUCH...

...FOR OUR VALIANT REINFORCEMENTS...

MY RIGHT..

ON WHAT GROUNDS CAN YOU DENY ME?!
MANAS' BLOOD- LINE HAS ENDED!

Manas' bloodline...
...has not ended!
Your right..
...is forever forfeit. Your life's blood belongs to another.
That is your destiny.
HOW?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

HUH?
NO! NO RETREAT! I MUST HAVE BRUMHART!
SIR, THIS IS NO TIME TO MAKE A STAND!
LEAVE ME BE!
TO LORD ERNAN! GO!

R-ROCK GOLEMS?
RUN! RUN, YOU FOOL!

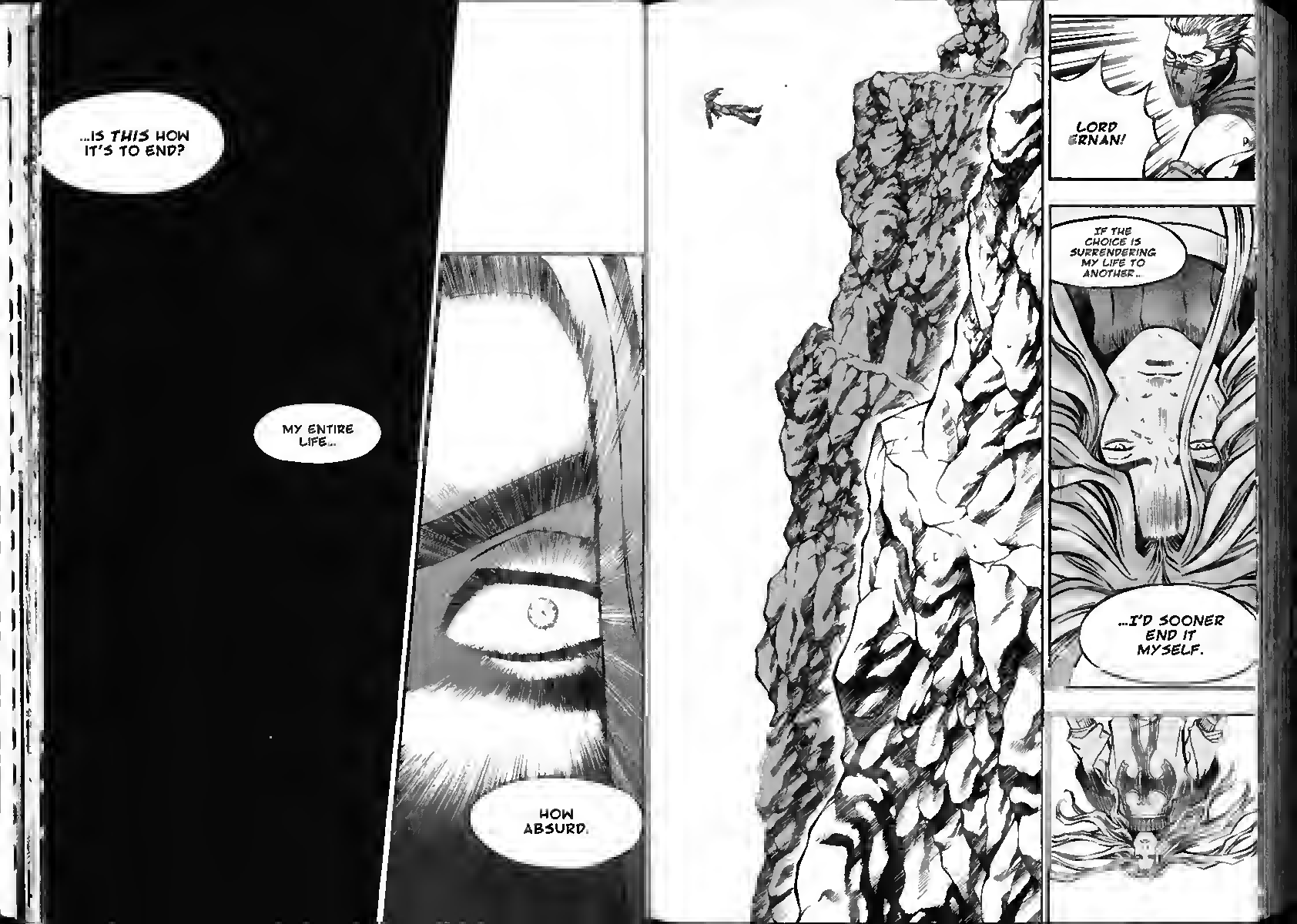
Haff
Haff
WHERE ARE THE--?! LORD ERNAN! WE MUST HURRY DOWN THE CLIFFS!
DAMN IT ALL.

DOWN?

HEH-
HEH HEH HEH...

WHY DO YOU TARRY HERE?! WHY AREN'T YOU FLYING TO THE BOTTOM?!

YAAAH!
LORD ERNAN!
AFTER EVERYTHING...
GAHG!
AH AH AAAK-!
M-M'LORD!
FLY TO THE BOTTOM?


...IS THIS HOW IT'S TO END?
MY ENTIRE LIFE...
HOW ABSURD.
LORD ERNAN!
IF THE CHOICE IS SURRENDERING MY LIFE TO ANOTHER...
...I'D SOONER END IT MYSELF.

Episode 9
Argument and Departure

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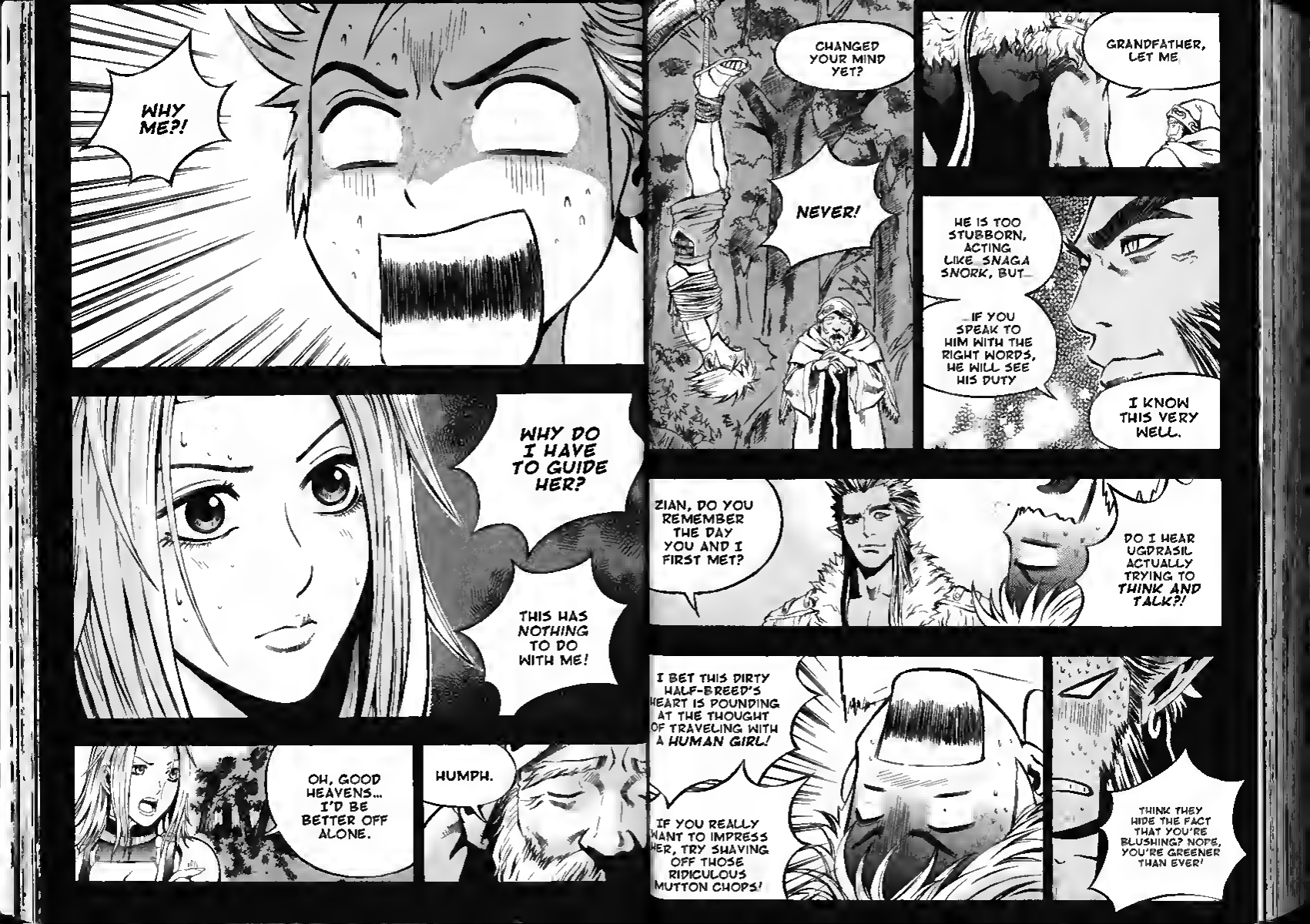
WAIT...WAIT FOR ME...
BLAST IT, WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
...ARIN...MISS ARIN...
PLEASE, LET ME HELP YOU...
NO!


WHY ME?!
CHANGED YOUR MIND YET?
NEVER!
GRANDFATHER, LET ME
HE IS TOO STUBBORN, ACTING LIKE SNAGA SNORK, BUT
IF YOU SPEAK TO HIM WITH THE RIGHT WORDS, HE WILL SEE HIS DUTY
I KNOW THIS VERY WELL.
WHY DO I HAVE TO GUIDE HER?
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!
ZIAN, DO YOU REMEMBER THE DAY YOU AND I FIRST MET?
DO I HEAR UGDRASIL ACTUALLY TRYING TO THINK AND TALK?!
OH, GOOD HEAVENS... I'D BE BETTER OFF ALONE.
HUMPH.
I BET THIS DIRTY HALF-BREED'S HEART IS POUNDING AT THE THOUGHT OF TRAVELING WITH A HUMAN GIRL!
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO IMPRESS HER, TRY SHAVING OFF THOSE RIDICULOUS MUTTON CHOPS!
THINK THEY HIDE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE BLUSHING? NOPE, YOU'RE GREENER THAN EVER!

SNAGA SNORK!
YEEK!
HHOO
STOP! WHOA! I'M GETTING DIZZY!!!
FRIAR KENNETH, I BEG YOUR PARDON, BUT.. TO GO WITH THEM..
THE ROAD TO ELKA IS PERILOUS, YOUNG LADY.
I WON'T HAVE YOU HAZARD IT ALONE.
I ASSURE YOU...
...UGDRASIL IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE NEUTRAL AREAS.
YOU'LL NOT FIND A BETTER GUIDE.
I CAN MAKE IT ON MY OWN.

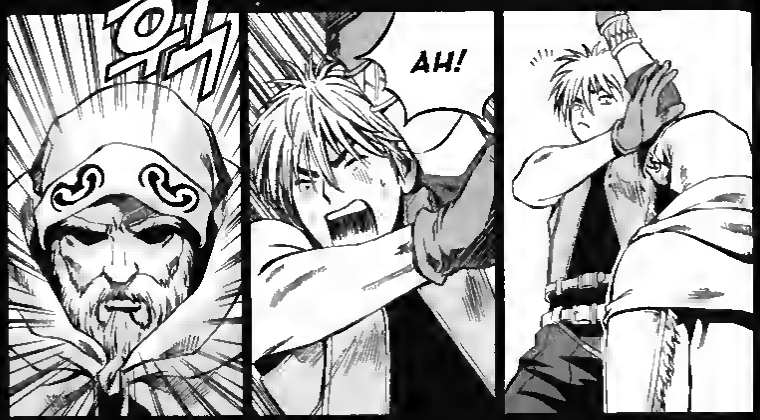
UGDRASIL!
COME HERE! QUICK!
THEY HAVE COME DOWN FROM THE PEAKS OF TRIBUTE MOUNTAIN
IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...
IS SOMETHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY?
THEY'VE FOUND SOMETHING DOWN HERE TO EAT.
WYVERNS?
THEIR FAVORITE FOOD...
...IS HUMANS.
RIGHT, LET'S GO!
W-WAIT! ARE YOU PLANNING TO FIGHT WYVERNS?
I UNDERSTAND; THEY'RE VILE CREATURES, BUT--

WHAT?
AFTER THE WYVERNS SWEEP BY, THERE'S ALWAYS LOTS OF EXPENSIVE LOOT LYING AROUND!
LOOT?!
TH-THEN YOU'RE NOT RUSHING OFF TO RESCUE WHOEVER THE WYVERNS ARE... TRYING TO EAT?
ARE YOU INSANE?
YOU...HEARTLESS SCOUNDREL!
HE APPEARS CALLOW AND SELF-SERVING, I ADMIT.

YOU'LL SEE. HE'LL DO MORE WORK FOR YOU THAN TWO MEN.
HOWEVER, I'VE DISCIPLINED HIM FROM AN EARLY AGE.
...THERE'S ONE THING I WOULD KNOW...
BUT BEFORE I SEND YOU OFF...
A MEMBER OF YOUR COUNCIL?
WHO TOLD YOU TO ASK ME ABOUT BRUMHART?
WAS IT YOUR FATHER?

OR...
PAY NO ATTENTION, DEAR, TO MY SENILE BABBLING.
HONESTLY? YOU'RE GIVING THIS TO ME, GRANDPA?
HAVE YOU SUDDENLY COME DOWN WITH A FATAL ILLNESS? GENEROSITY IS SO UNLIKE YOU...
OKAY, YOU TANGLED ME UP! HAPPY? NOW, CUT ME LOOSE!!
OH, THERE I GO AGAIN WITH MY RUDE QUESTIONS.
PLEASE, FORGET I EVEN ASKED.
WHOA! I'M JUST KIDDING! IT'S A JOKE... A JOKE.
THERE'S ONE MORE THING YOU'LL NEED.
HERE.
IT'S THE WEAPON I WIELDED WHEN I WAS YOUNG...

OOO...
IT'S LIGHT!
YOU USED THIS WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG?
SOOO...
..HOW'D YOU KEEP IT FROM DRAGGING BEHIND YOU?
YOU BRAT!
IF YOU EXAMINE THE SWORD CLOSELY...
...YOU'LL SEE THAT LIGHT SEEMS TO WRAP AROUND THE BLADE
OOO..I SEE!
IT WAS HONED WITH A SPIRIT STONE, THREE TIMES PURIFIED
THAT'S ALSO WHY IT WEIGHS SO LITTLE.
WHOA...
THAT WOULD MAKE THIS A TRULY EXTRAORDINARY BLADE, WOULDN'T IT?
GRANDPA...
HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK THIS WOULD FETCH IF I SOLD IT?
HEY, DON'T YOU THINK I REALIZE YOU'RE TRYING TO BAIT ME WITH THIS THING?
WHY DO YOU WANT TO BUTT INTO SOMETHING THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME?


OH!
AH!

SHUT UP AND LISTEN!

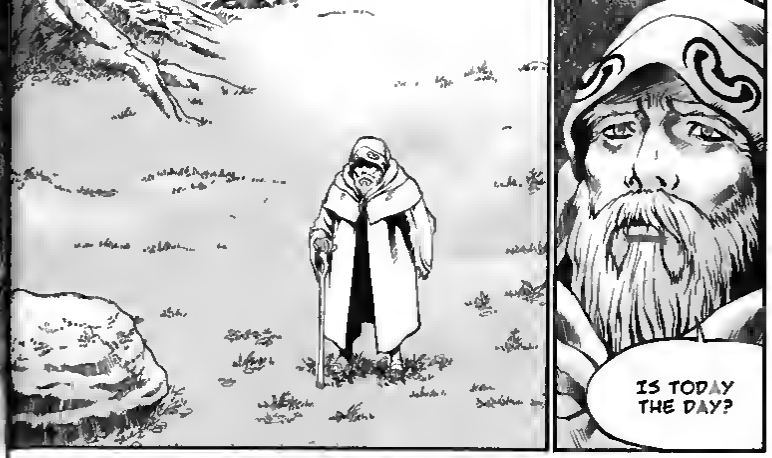
THIS HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH YOU!

ZIAN...
IT IS ENOUGH FOR ME TO SAY THERE ARE VERY GOOD REASONS I'M SENDING YOU ON THIS JOURNEY

GO. SEEK OUT THE FAR REACHES OF CHANTRA.
SEARCH UNTIL YOU FIND YOUR TRUE STRENGTH.

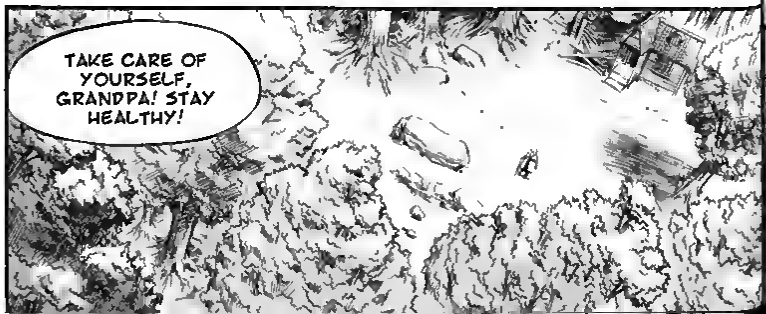
YOU'LL GATHER IT UP. THEN YOU'LL REACH OUT AND GRASP..

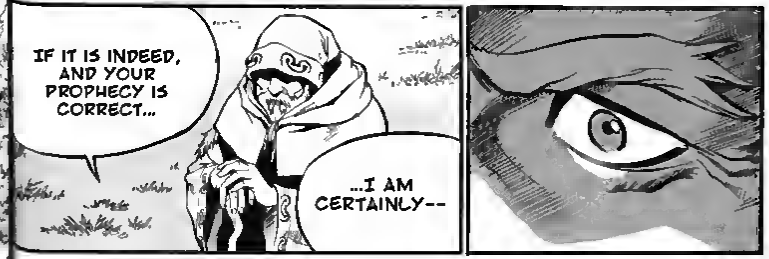
...YOUR DESTINY.


IS TODAY THE DAY?

.....
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN...

THE DAY YOU PROPHESIED, BERWOTZ?
THE GREATEST PROPHET IN ALL CHANTRA.


TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, GRANDPA! STAY HEALTHY!


IF IT IS INDEED, AND YOUR PROPHECY IS CORRECT...
...I AM CERTAINLY--

OH MY!
THEY WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR, WOULD THEY?
HOW CAN I HAVE FORGOTTEN THIS...
SKREE
AAAAHHH!!!
The bloodline of Manas...

GUH!
OH! YOU'RE AWAKE!
YAY, BIG DADDY ERNAN!
Episode 10
Ernan's Elite Guard

WHAT A RELIEF!
NA... NAIL?
HUH?
ARE YOU PESTERING THE COMMANDER AGAIN, DOG EARS?
IT'S A RELIEF TO SEE YOU'RE STILL BREATHING, COMMANDER.
YOU'D BETTER LET ME GO!
SCAR, WHAT HAPPENED? I REMEMBER FALLING FROM THE CLIFF, BUT...
LET ME GO!
LET ME GO!
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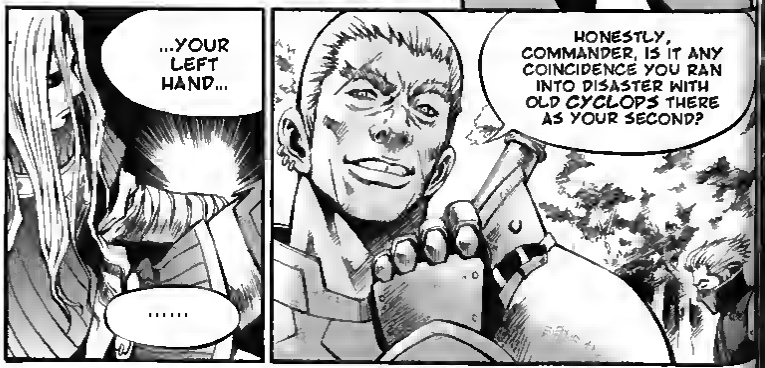
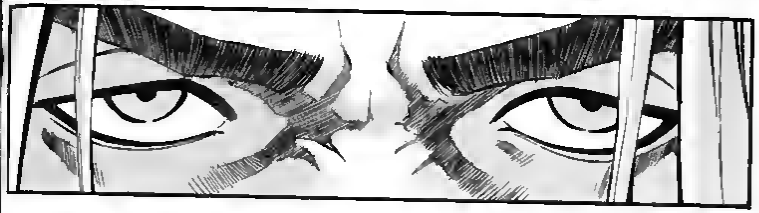
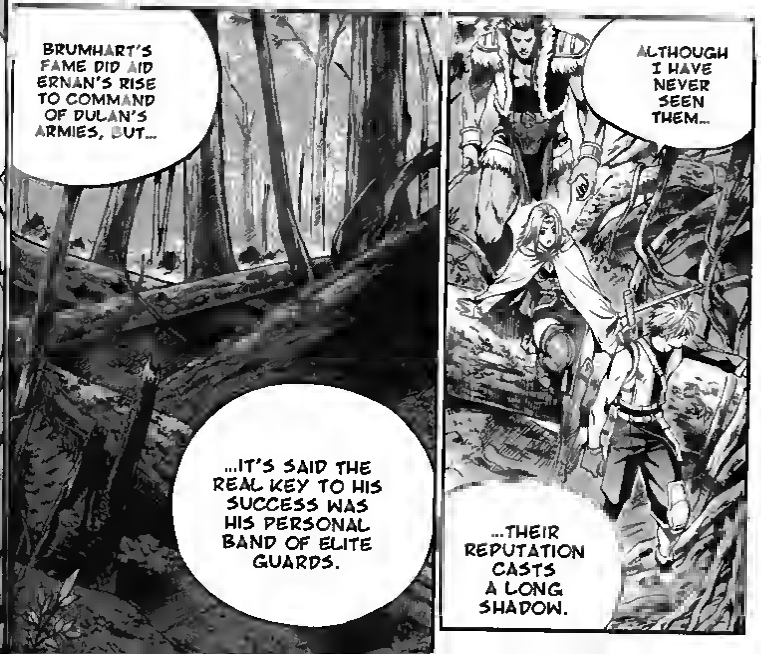
IT WAS A NEAR THING.
BREAKING AND BRIDLING THESE GUYS...
...WAS NO EASY TRICK.

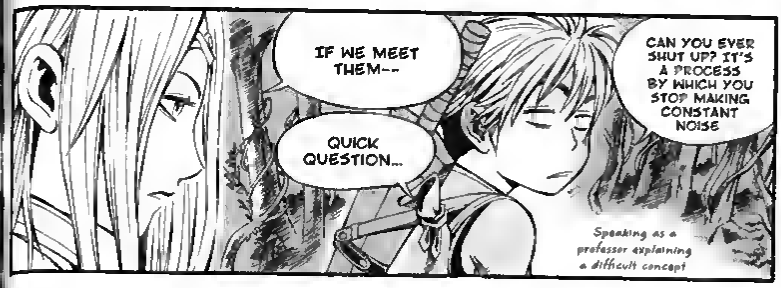
YOU TAMED THE WYVERNS?
ASTONISHING.
TALON, YOU CAME TOO?
YOU MUST RETURN TO THE CASTLE AT ONCE, MY LORD.
ALTHOUGH YOUR RIGHT HAND MAY RECOVER WITH TIME AND REST...


...YOUR LEFT HAND...
.....
HONESTLY, COMMANDER, IS IT ANY COINCIDENCE YOU RAN INTO DISASTER WITH OLD CYCLOPS THERE AS YOUR SECOND?




BRUMHART'S FAME DID AID ERNAN'S RISE TO COMMAND OF DULAN'S ARMIES, BUT...
...IT'S SAID THE REAL KEY TO HIS SUCCESS WAS HIS PERSONAL BAND OF ELITE GUARDS.
ALTHOUGH I HAVE NEVER SEEN THEM...
...THEIR REPUTATION CASTS A LONG SHADOW.

AMONG THEM IS A MAN CALLED SCAR.
HE'S RUMORED TO HAVE FOUGHT A GARGOYLE IN SINGLE COMBAT.
THEY SAY HE FOUGHT BARE-CHESTED... AND WON. IT WAS THE WOUNDS HE INCURRED FROM THAT ENCOUNTER THAT GAVE HIM HIS NAME.
BUT SCAR IS ONLY ONE OF THEM...
KYAOOW!
ERNAN HAS SURROUNDED HIMSELF WITH CHAMPIONS. ALL LEGENDS.


IF WE MEET THEM--
QUICK QUESTION...
CAN YOU EVER SHUT UP? IT'S A PROCESS BY WHICH YOU STOP MAKING CONSTANT NOISE
Speaking as a professor explaining a difficult concept

YOU ASKED!
MY MISTAKE.
I DIDN'T KNOW THE ANSWER WOULD BE ENDLESS
OOOO...!

THIS BICKERING IS WHAT IS ENDLESS
SHAKE
x2
WILL HE EVER BORE OF TORTURING HER?

!
THERE'S SOMEONE NEARBY!

IF YOU'RE TRYING TO DUPE ME AGAIN--
SHH!
IF YOU WANT TO LIVE, BE QUIET!
MORE THAN ONE... SEVERAL OF THEM!

TELL ME AGAIN, NOW!
WHAT HAPPENED EXACTLY?
THERE WAS AN OLD MAN
HE APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE...

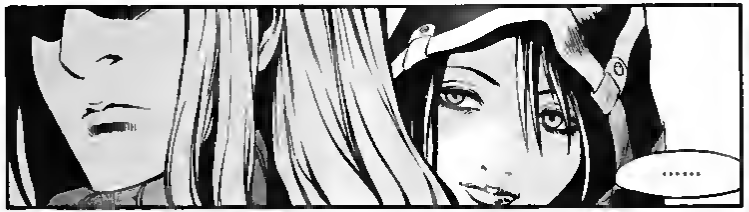
THERE WAS A FLASH...
THEN...
...YOU LIED? YOU DID NOT KILL THE CHILD?
HOW PERTINA-CIOUS..
...IS MANAS'S VEXING BLIGHT ON CHANTRA.
IF YOU HAVE TO SEARCH EVERY TREE AND ROCK IN TASS FOREST...
...FIND HIM!!
KILL THE LAST HEIR OF MANAS!
END THAT RIDICULOUS, DIEHARD BLOODLINE!
BLE
AAAHH!

WHAT.. ARE LYCANTHROPES DOING ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE?
MAYBE THEY FLED HERE TO AVOID THE WYVERNS... OR WERE DRIVEN.
STILL, DOESN'T THIS LOOK STRANGE? THEY DON'T RUN IN PACKS..
YOU ARE RIGHT...IF THEY ARE ROAMING TOGETHER LIKE THIS...

. IT MEANS THAT THE HEAD OF THE PACK MUST BE HERE
?
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE. NOW
I'M GIVING YOU ONE LAST CHANCE TO REDEEM YOURSELF.
IF YOU FAIL ME THIS TIME...

...I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU WHAT THE CONSEQUENCE WILL BE.
SCAR, NAIL...
HEY! DON'T YOU HAVE ANY DIGNITY?!
NOO! I WANT TO COME WITH YOOOU! DON'T MAKE ME STAY WITH THESE BABOONS!!
WHATEVER IT TAKES...
...AND TALON.
I CAN REPAIR TO MY CASTLE ONLY BECAUSE OF MY CONFIDENCE IN YOUR PROVEN ABILITIES. I HOPE I WON'T REPENT PUTTING MY TRUST IN YOU.
REST EASY IN YOUR CASTLE. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
...MANAS' LINE MUST END!

HA HA HA
HAVE NO FEAR, COMMANDER! I'LL CHOP HIM TO BITS!
KISS UP!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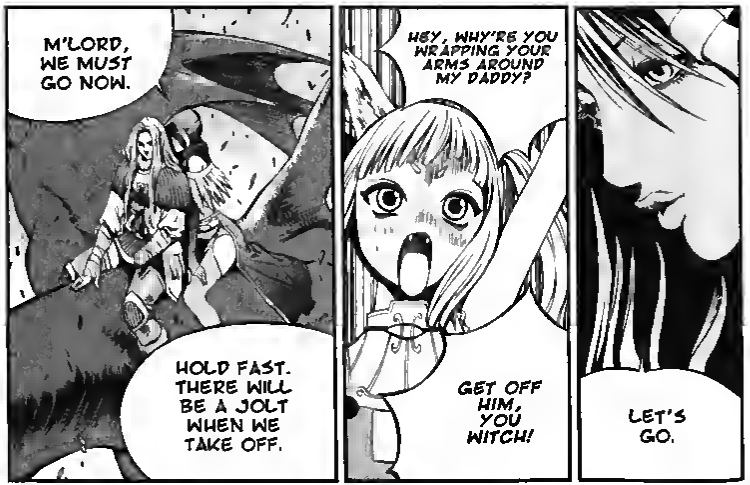
M'LORD, WE MUST GO NOW.
HOLD FAST. THERE WILL BE A JOLT WHEN WE TAKE OFF.
HEY, WHY'RE YOU WRAPPING YOUR ARMS AROUND MY DADDY?
GET OFF HIM, YOU WITCH!
LET'S GO.

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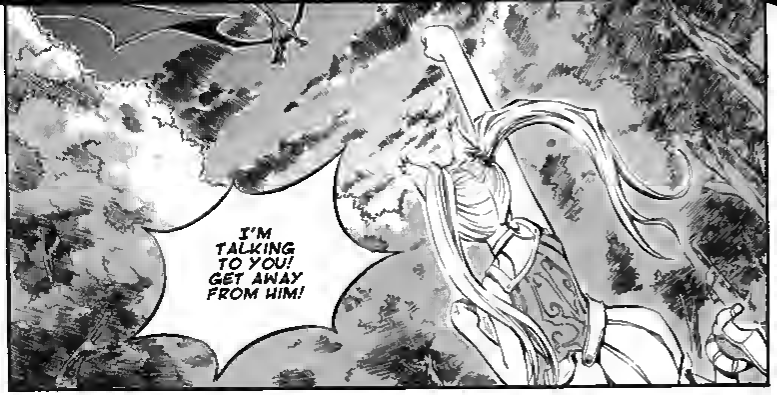

I'M TALKING TO YOU! GET AWAY FROM HIM!

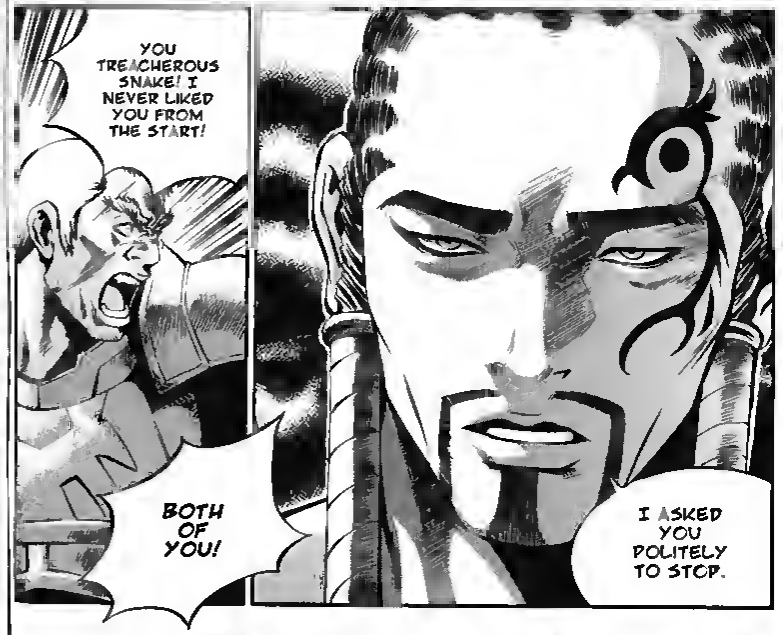
BOLLOCKS!
I DIDN'T SAY IT IN FRONT OF THE COMMANDER...

...BUT WHY SHOULD WE RISK OUR NECKS TO COVER YOUR MISTAKES?!

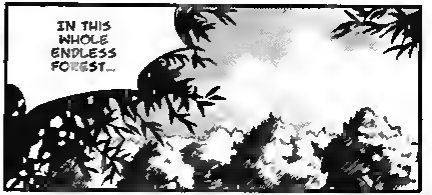
I NEVER ASKED FOR YOUR HELP. IF YOU DON'T WANT THE MISSION, LEAVE. GO BACK TO THE CASTLE.

W-WAIT...
STOP IT, BOTH OF YOU. IT'S NOT THE TIME TO ARGUE.

BOLLOCKS, THAT'S SOME BIG TALK FROM A GUY WHOSE FIGHTING SPECIALTY IS THROWING KNIVES AT PEOPLE'S BACKS.
A DUMB LUNK WHO SLEEPS ON HIS STOMACH SHOULD BE CAREFUL WHAT HE SAYS
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT LURKS AT NIGHT


YOU TREACHEROUS SNAKE! I NEVER LIKED YOU FROM THE START!
BOTH OF YOU!
I ASKED YOU POLITELY TO STOP.

BOLLOCKS!
WE'RE HUNTING A BLACK DUCK IN THE DARK WITH NO DOG!


IN THIS WHOLE ENDLESS FOREST...

HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIND THIS ONE KID?!
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!
HUH?
Episode 11
Interlopers

AN ORC?
AN ORC!
!

WHAT'S AN ORC DOING IN MY FOREST?!
OH MY! I WAS ALMOST STARTING TO FORGET...WHAT UGDRASIL REALLY IS...

W-WAIT. THIS... PERSON IS...!
AH...AH...
COME ON, THEN!

저벅
.....
?
OH OH OH! WHERE DID YOU FIND THIS LITTLE PET?
SHE'S ADORABLE!
WHAT?
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HEE-HEE~
Getting happier
AH?!
WHO ARE YOU CALLING PET?!
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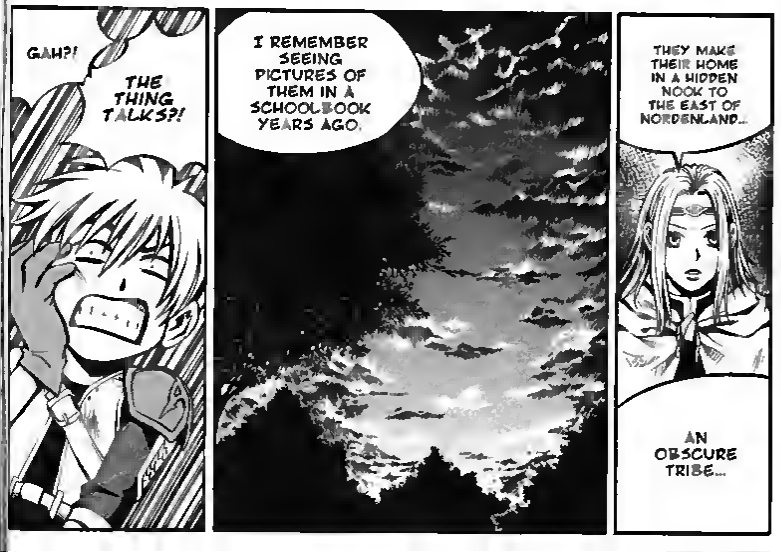
GAH?!
THE THING TALKS?!
I REMEMBER SEEING PICTURES OF THEM IN A SCHOOLBOOK YEARS AGO.
THEY MAKE THEIR HOME IN A HIDDEN NOOK TO THE EAST OF NORDENLAND...
AN OBSCURE TRIBE...

...THE MOON ELVES.
AN ELF?
뒤적 뒤적
ELVES LOOK MORE LIKE THIS, DON'T THEY?!
촤라락
THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A CAT!
WHO'S A CAT?!
HOW CAN YOU SAY IT'S AN ELF?! WHERE'S THE GRACE?! THE MYSTERIOUS ELEGANCE?!
WHY ARE YOU YELLING AT ME?!

HEY, ORC...
ARE YOU WITH THOSE NOISY KIDS OVER THERE?
LEAVE HIM BE.
THERE IS NO SENSE IN WASTING YOUR STRENGTH ON THAT CREATURE.
...
BOLLOCKS!
I KNOW. I WAS JUST PLAYING AROUND.
WHEN I FIGHT, I WANT A WORTHY OPPONENT.
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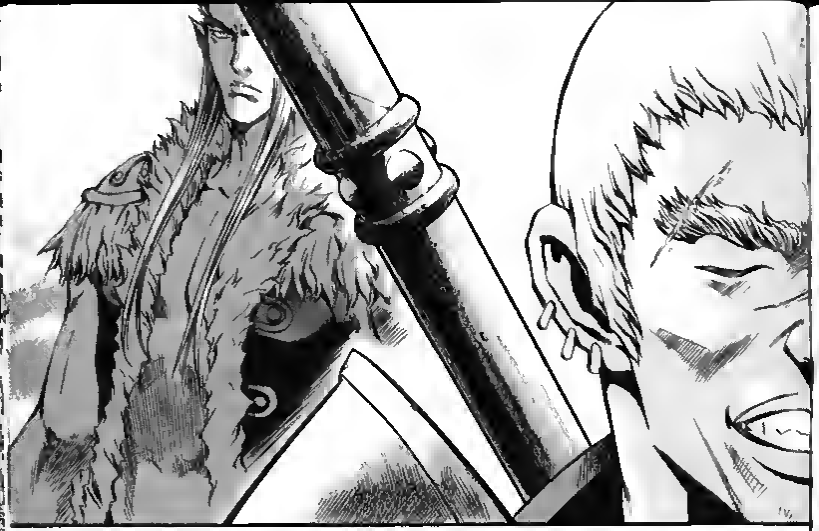

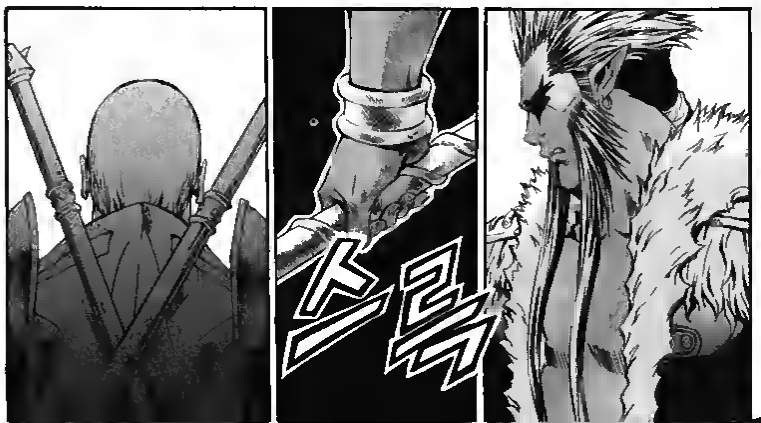
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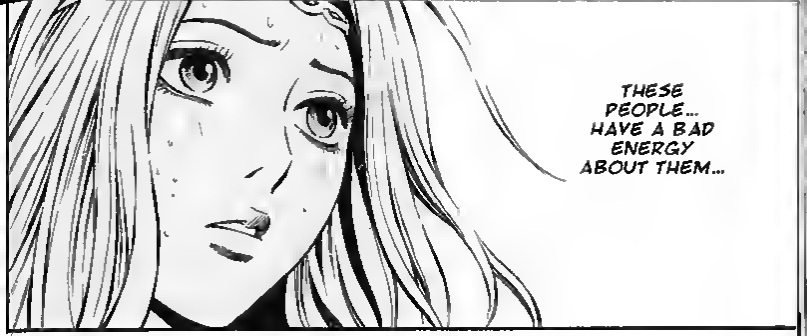
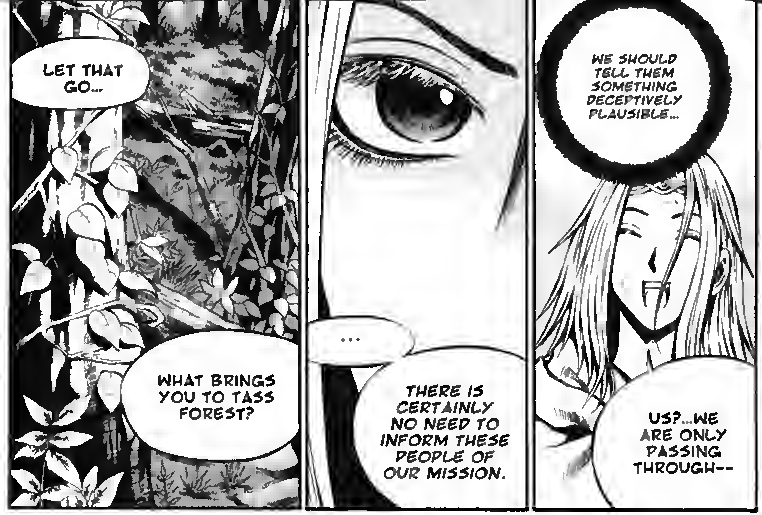
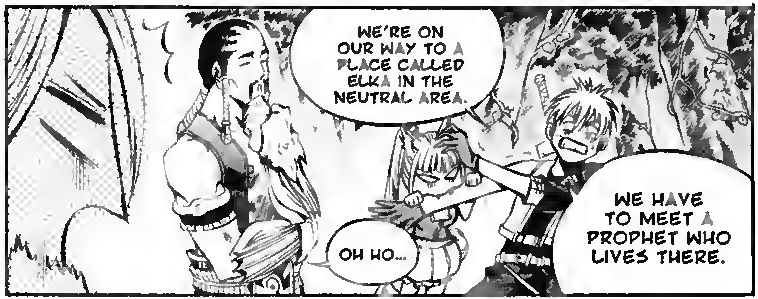
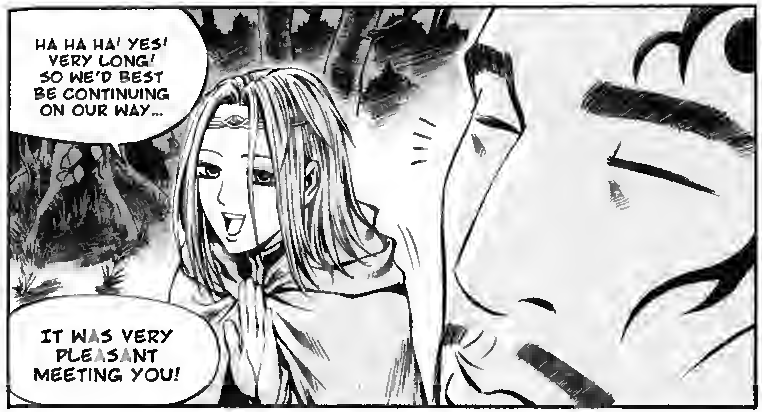

THESE PEOPLE... HAVE A BAD ENERGY ABOUT THEM...

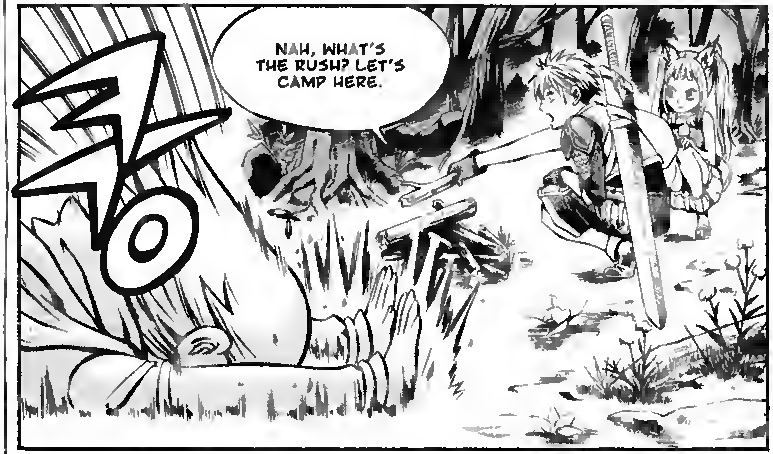
CHOMP!
STOP EATING ME!
WE MUST HAVE STARTLED YOU MY COMPANION HAS TOO QUICK A TEMPER..

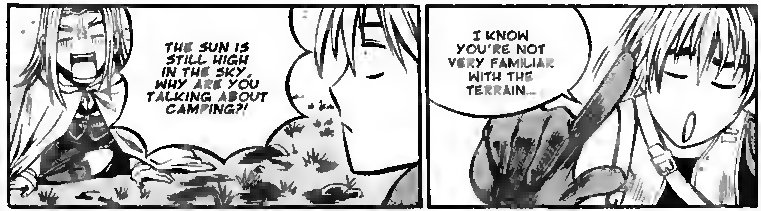

LET THAT GO...
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO TASS FOREST?
...
THERE IS CERTAINLY NO NEED TO INFORM THESE PEOPLE OF OUR MISSION.
WE SHOULD TELL THEM SOMETHING DECEPTIVELY PLAUSIBLE...
US?..WE ARE ONLY PASSING THROUGH--


WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO A PLACE CALLED ELKA IN THE NEUTRAL AREA.
OH HO...
WE HAVE TO MEET A PROPHET WHO LIVES THERE.

THAT HALF-WITTED CLOD!
HM...THE NEUTRAL ZONE...
YOU HAVE A LONG JOURNEY AHEAD OF YOU.


HA HA HA! YES! VERY LONG! SO WE'D BEST BE CONTINUING ON OUR WAY...
IT WAS VERY PLEASANT MEETING YOU!


NAH, WHAT'S THE RUSH? LET'S CAMP HERE.


THE SUN IS STILL HIGH IN THE SKY. WHY ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT CAMPING?!
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE TERRAIN...

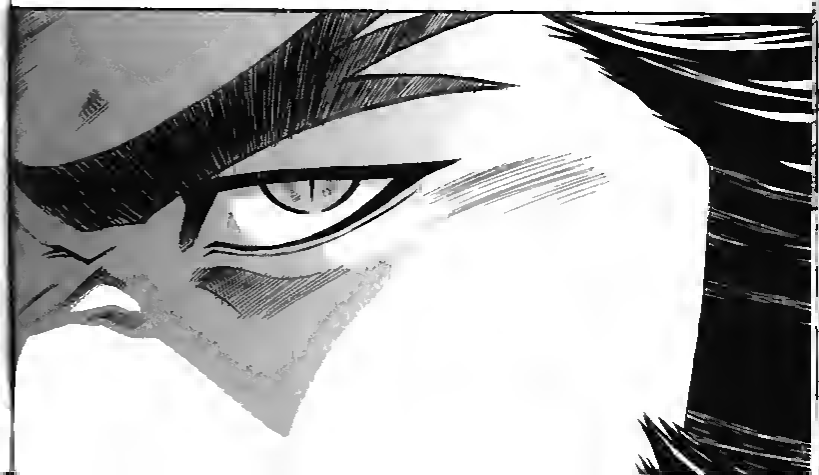
...BUT THIS FOREST IS SO THICK WITH TREES...
WHEN THE SUN SETS, IT GETS VERY DARK VERY FAST, AND IT'S VERY EASY TO GET LOST.

THE POISON IN MY BLOOD HASN'T YET FULLY SUBSIDED, SO I GUESS IT WOULD BE BETTER TO REST BEFORE MOVING ON.

WHAT DO YOU GENTLEMEN SAY? WOULD YOU CARE TO STAY WITH US?
THESE WOODS ARE CHOCK FULL OF DANGEROUS TYPES.

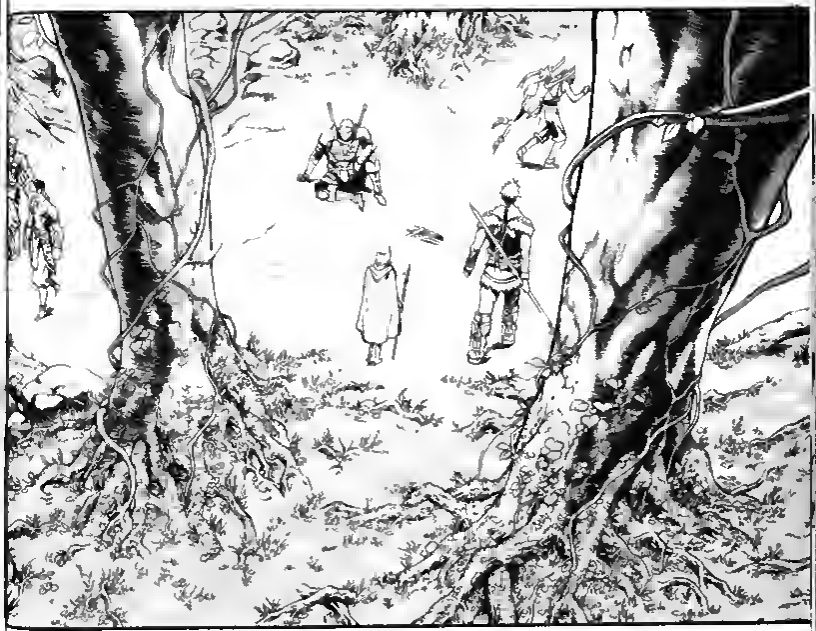
HM...

WHAT SAY YOU?



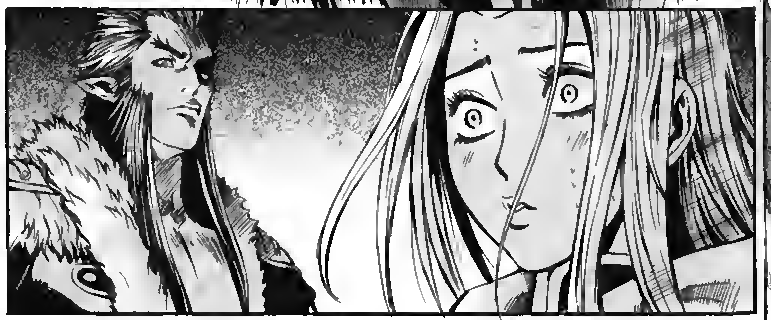
GOOD THEN. SHALL WE REST THE NIGHT?
철컹!
WE'LL GO HUNT FOR MORE DRIED BRANCHES.
They've become close all of a sudden
YOU MEN FIND SOMETHING FOR US TO EAT.
THIS IS NOT GOOD. THIS IS NOT GOOD.
.....
IF WE'RE TO SHARE A MEAL, WE SHOULD CATCH A BIG ONE, SHOULDN'T WE?

WHY DON'T YOU COME HELP ME?
WHAT?
IF I LEAVE YOU HERE WITH SCAR, YOU'LL ONLY FIGHT.
FOR BOTH OF YOUR SAKES, THIS IS BETTER.



철컹!
OOFF... I'VE BEEN LUGGING THIS GEAR ALL DAY.
철컹!

THE SCARS?
AHH. THAT'S BETTER.
I GOT 'EM FIGHTING A GARGOYLE.



THIS MAN...
COULD HE ACTUALLY BE.?
UH-HUH... THAT DUMB OX BACK THERE?
HIS NAME IS SCAR.

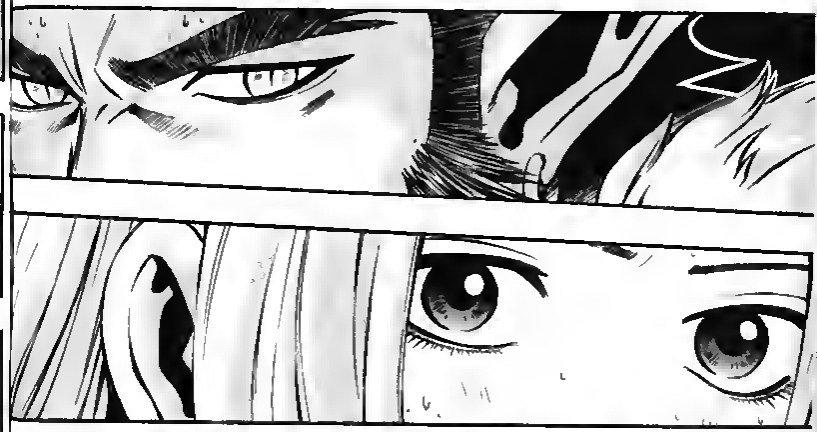
ALL THE LUMMOX DOES IS FIGHT AND BRAG.
I CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY SWEET DADDY ERNAN KEEPS HIM AROUND.

Lord Ernan
SWEET DADDY ERNAN IS THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF SCAR.. HE'S GALLANT AND DASHING!
SCAR..ERNAN? I FEEL LIKE I'VE HEARD THOSE NAMES...SOMEWHERE BEFORE..

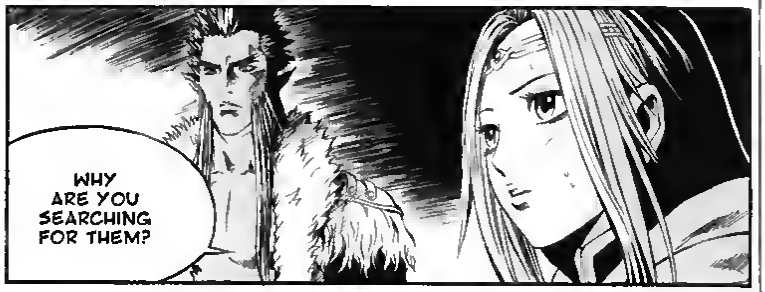
HEY...
...WHY ARE YOU GUYS TRAVELING IN TASS FOREST?

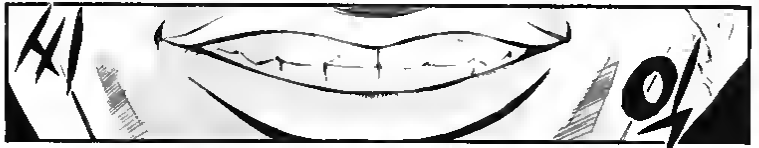
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A LITTLE THERP. HE LIVES WITH SOME STRANGE OLD MAN OUT HERE IN THE WOODS.
I'VE HEARD THE OLD MAN'S FIGHTING SKILLS ARE INCREDIBLE

IT MAKES ME WANT TO MEET HIM



HAVE YOU HEARD OF THESE TWO?
I-I'M NOT SURE. WE DON'T REALLY KNOW...


WHY ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR THEM?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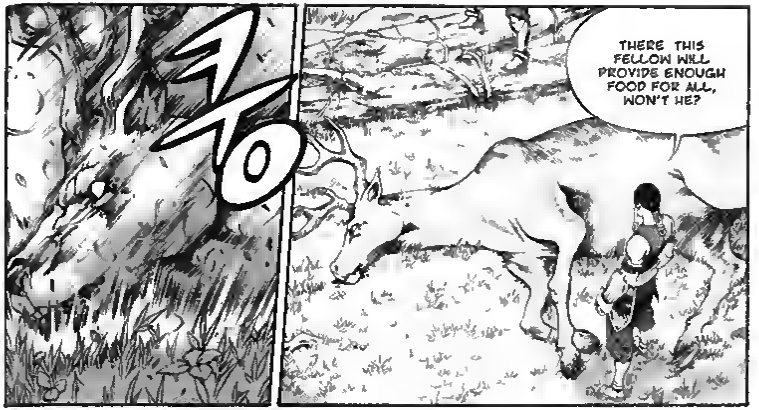
TO KILL THEM!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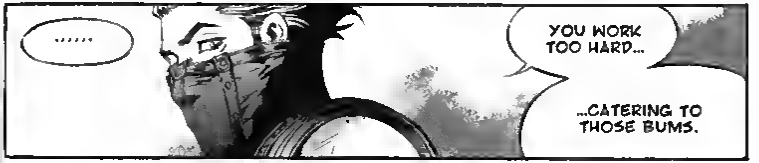
THERE THIS FELLOW WILL PROVIDE ENOUGH FOOD FOR ALL, WON'T HE?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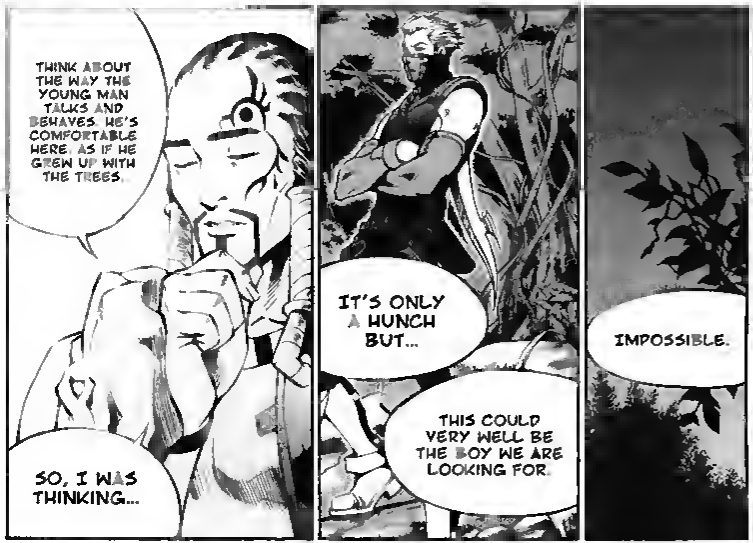
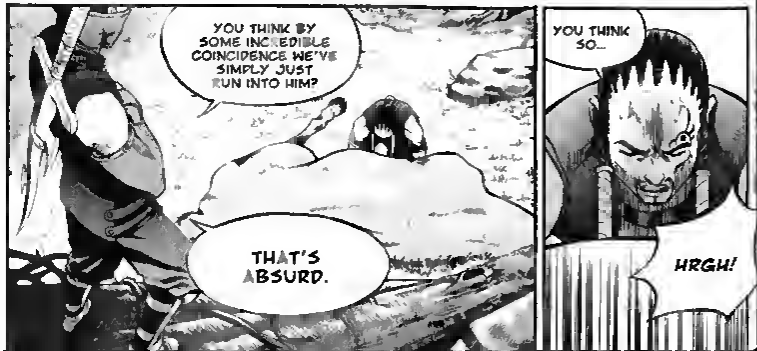
YOU WORK TOO HARD...
...CATERING TO THOSE BUMS.

OUR NEW CAMPING FRIENDS.. THEY ALL LOOK TOO CLEAN AND THEY AREN'T FATIGUED ENOUGH...THEY DON'T EVEN SEEM TIRED...
I'D WAGER IT HASN'T BEEN LONG AT ALL SINCE THEY STARTED THEIR JOURNEY

ALSO...THIS TASS FOREST IS INFAMOUS FOR IT'S MANY DEADLY DANGERS.
MOST PEOPLE AVOID ENTERING EVEN THE OUTSKIRTS.

BUT. THESE KIDS ARE STRUTTING STRAIGHT THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF IT.
ISN'T THERE SOMETHING PECULIAR ABOUT THAT?


THINK ABOUT THE WAY THE YOUNG MAN TALKS AND BEHAVES. HE'S COMFORTABLE HERE. AS IF HE GREW UP WITH THE TREES.
SO, I WAS THINKING...
IT'S ONLY A HUNCH BUT...
THIS COULD VERY WELL BE THE BOY WE ARE LOOKING FOR.
IMPOSSIBLE.


YOU THINK BY SOME INCREDIBLE COINCIDENCE WE'VE SIMPLY JUST RUN INTO HIM?
THAT'S ABSURD.
YOU THINK SO...
HRGH!

RRAAGH!
LIKE I SAID IT'S JUST A HUNCH.
IF IT'S WRONG, IT'S WRONG.

EITHER WAY, A LITTLE CONVERSATION WITH THEM WILL REVEAL EVERYTHING.
THE NIGHT IS LONG.

I STILL SAY--
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Episode 12
Throbbing Wound

I'M STARVING. WHAT'S TAKING THEM SO LONG?
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BY WHAT RIGHT.
...DO YOU INTEND TO KILL THOSE PEOPLE?
HA! THE ORC SPEAKS HUMAN?
HOW FUN.
BUT I DON'T LIKE THE TONE OF YOUR QUESTION...
HOW ABOUT WE GO A ROUND, THEN MAYBE I ANSWER?

WHAT?
HEY!
DID YOU HEAR THAT?
IT SOUNDED LIKE THEY RAN ACROSS A DRAGON OR SOMETHING...

HEY, ORC.
I'LL DEAL WITH YOU LATER.
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HEY! WHAT'S HAPPENING OVER THERE?!
THIS IS OUR CHANCE! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

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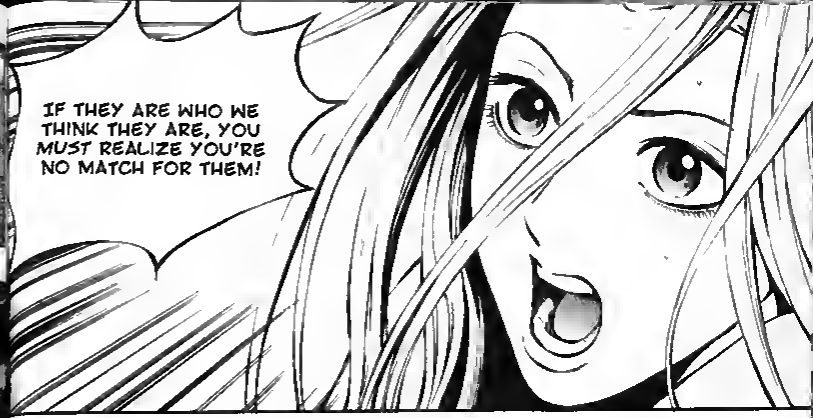
IF THEY ARE WHO WE THINK THEY ARE, YOU MUST REALIZE YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR THEM!

W-WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

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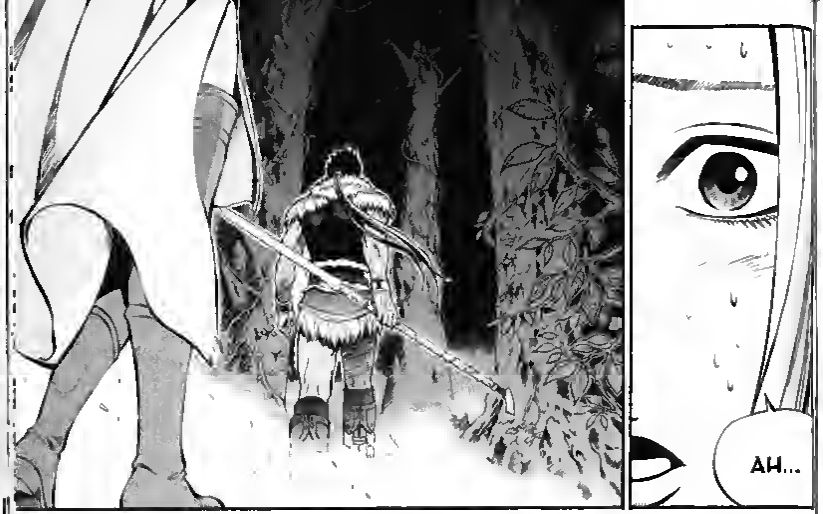
YES. TELL ME A THING I CANNOT DO...
...THEN STAND BACK AND WATCH.
I DRAW NEW STRENGTH FROM GRAVE PERIL. HÛN HURÛRZ!

YOU HEARD HIM. THEY ARE HUNTING ZIAN AND FATHER KENNETH.
THEY HOPE TO KILL YOU SEE? I...WON'T...LET THEM.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WHAT...WHAT AM I TO DO?
I...
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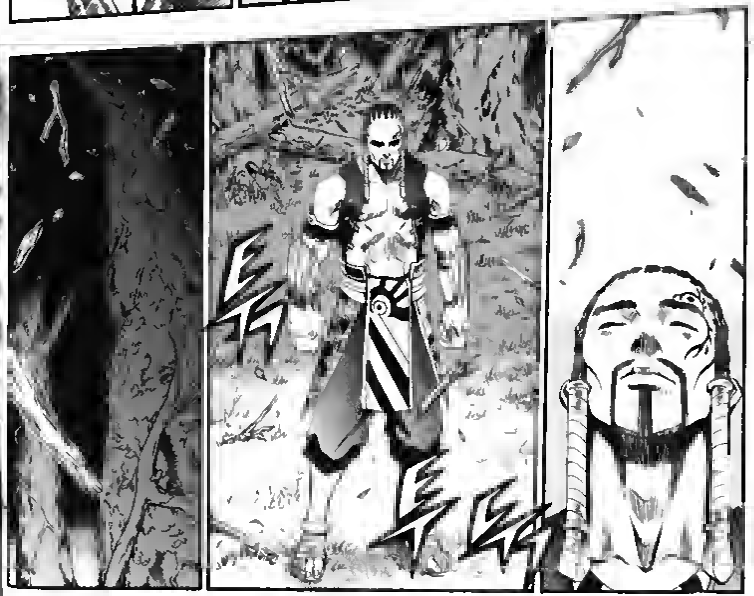
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YOUNG MAN, WHAT IS YOUR GRIEVANCE?
INCREDIBLE!
YOU PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW?

Episode 13
The Tass Melee, Part I

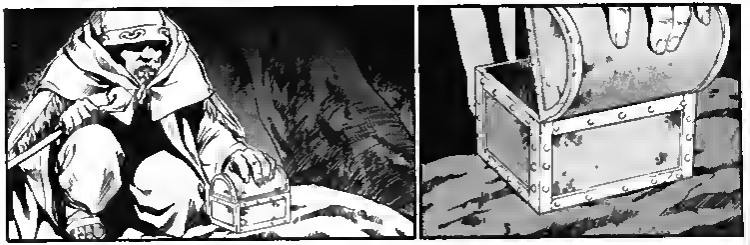
Episode 13
The Tass Melee, Part I

GUAHKK!
AAAAAAAHHH!
EK
THAT'S ENOUGH...
NOW YOU DEAL WITH ME!
OK
GUH!

WHAT...IS HAPPENING HERE?
IT'S HIM!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, FOOL, GET HIM!
FOR A GUY WHO KEEPS HIS MOUTH COVERED, YOU SURE TALK A LOT. AND I'VE HAD ENOUGH. LIE THERE AND THINK ABOUT THAT.
ANYWAY...
I STAY ON THE GROUND. I'M NOT A FLIPPING FAIRY GYMNAST LIKE SOME OF YOU

YOU FIGHT WITH THE SKILL OF A WILY OLD COUGAR
YOU BATTLE WITH AN OPEN HAND.
ARE YOU A MONK?
YOU DON'T MAKE MISTAKES. YOU ARE A WORTHY OPPONENT.
I WILL ASK THE QUESTIONS, SIR
TELL ME WHERE IS THE HEIR OF MANAS.
MANAS...WHO DO YOU WORK FOR?
ARE YOU THE BAND OF MERCENARIES...
...WHO MURDERED LEON?

DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?
I ASK THE QUESTIONS! YOUR ANSWER?



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IT'S A SHAME...
WE COULD HAVE DISCUSSED THIS NICELY...

ON YOUR GUARD!

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GUAHK
CHUDD
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WAAAHHH!
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UHN!
PHOOO!
WELL, WELL... IF I'M NOT CAREFUL, I CAN WIND UP IN HALF
I'D BETTER ALTER MY ATTACK, OUGHTN'T I?
THE SAME PATTERN...

RAGH!
!
SURELY, I BLOCKED ALL OF IT...
NOW...!
휘이이
NO...?!
OLD TRICKS! OLD TRICKS!
PLEASE DON'T TELL ME I CAUGHT YOU OFF GUARD ALREADY?!

HOW SPRY A DANCER ARE YOU STILL.
GRANDPA?
WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO STOP SWINGING FROM THE TREES LIKE LITTLE MONKEYS?
IF THEY KEEP THIS UP, I'LL NEVER GET A CHANCE TO FIGHT!
IF YOU WON'T COME DOWN...
...I'LL CHOP YOU DOWN!

WHY DID YOU FOLLOW ME, PULER?
YOU WAIT YOUR TURN.
ATTACK ME FROM BEHIND?
WELL I'LL MAKE ROOM FOR YOU NOW!
IS THAT A MAGE STAFF?
WILL WONDERS NEVER CEASE...
ORCISH FILTH!
GAH!
A MAGIC USING ORC! HA!
BUT YOU WAVED YOUR WAND AT THE WRONG GUY!
TODAY YOU'LL REGRET EVER BECOMING A MAGE!

AURA OF DISPEL!
YAAAAHHH!
THE FLAME OF PURITY BURNS AWAY ALL BAGRONK CORRUPTION!
IT CONSUMES THE DARK CORE OF CONJURATIONS ON ANY CREATURE.

HEART--
--OF FIRE!
NOW YOU SEE DON'T YOU. ITS NOT A CONJURATION FOR ME. IT'S MY AURA OF POWER AND IT DISPELS ALL SPIRIT MAGIC
FOR AS LONG AS THE AURA LASTS, I'M INVULNERABLE TO YOU!

Episode 14

The Tass Melee, Part II

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YOU BLOCKED ME?
ANYBODY CAN...
...GET LUCKY ONCE!

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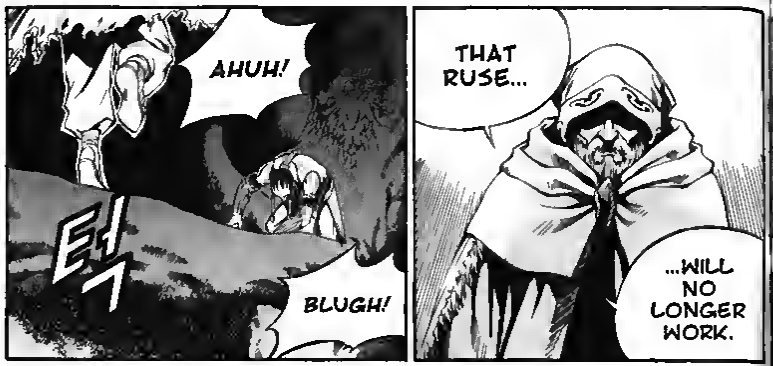
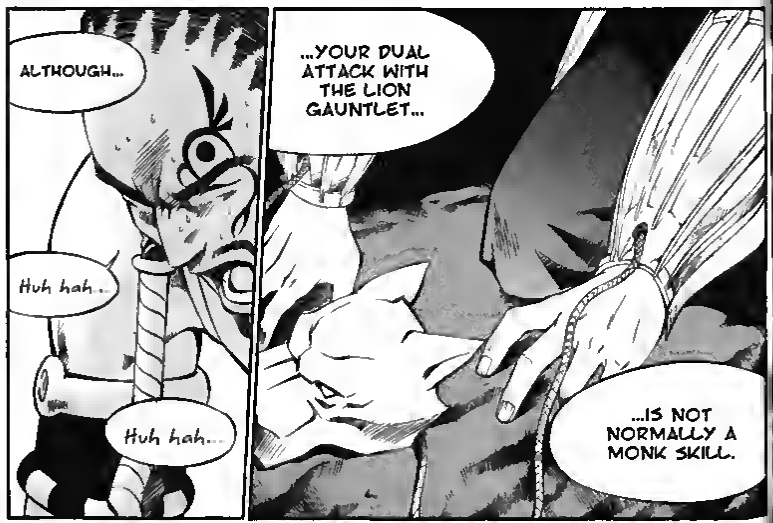
NO! HE'S INSIDE MY ATTACK SPHERE...
BLUKKK...!

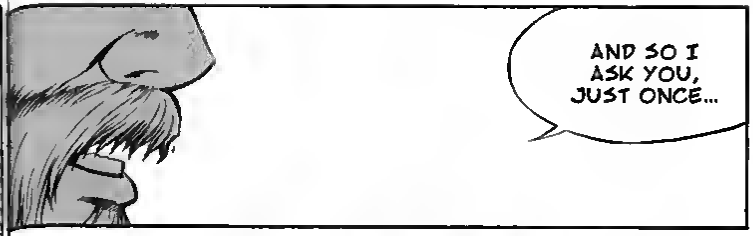
GUH...!
AUGH!


AHUH!
BLUGH!

THAT RUSE...
...WILL NO LONGER WORK.

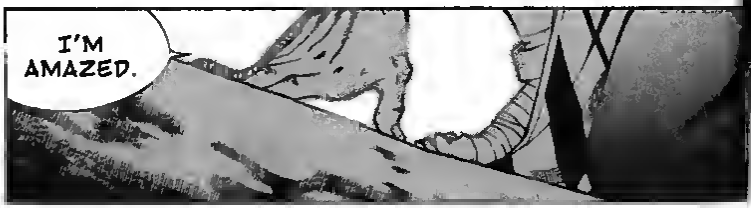
MULTIPLE ATTACKS ARE AN ILLUSION.
ANY OPPONENT STILL ONLY HAS TWO HANDS.


ALTHOUGH...
Huh hah...
Huh hah...
...YOUR DUAL ATTACK WITH THE LION GAUNTLET...
...IS NOT NORMALLY A MONK SKILL.


AND SO I ASK YOU, JUST ONCE...

...HOW DID ONE LIKE YOU...
...LEARN THE ART OF THE DRAGON SCION?

I HAVE MANY QUESTIONS FOR YOU, AS WELL.
I HAVE A SAD FEELING IT'S TOO LATE TO QUENCH EACH OTHER'S CURIOSITY WITH IDLE CONVERSATION
BUT LET US PUT ALL QUESTIONS ASIDE


I'M AMAZED.

I STILL HAVE MANY MORE TRICKS.
I'D LIKE TO SHOW THEM TO YOU NOW.

I DIDN'T TAKE YOU FOR AN AVERAGE MAN. BUT STILL...

EW SMELLY.. THAT ORCISH BLOOD DOES GIVE OFF AN AWFUL STINK!
Huh hah...
Huh hah...
Hunghh...
Hah hahh...
TUCKERED OUT ALREADY?
NOW HOW DO I KILL YOU QUICK WITHOUT SPRAYING YOUR NASTY FLUIDS ALL OVER THE PLACE?
!!
WHAT?

OH, MANA... OH, ENERGY WHICH FLOWS THROUGH ALL CREATION...
...ONLY WANTING A VOICE TO SHAPE IT, BRINGING STRENGTH, LIFE, I CALL YOU...
YOUR MAGIC WON'T WORK ON ME!
FORCE OF VITALITY!!!
ZIK

?
OOFF!
KOKOK
HIS WOUNDS?
WHY...
WHY DID YOU FOLLOW ME? YOUR LIFE IS IN DANGER HERE!
THROQUUB LAT!!

WHERE ELSE WOULD I GO? IT'S NOT LIKE EVERYTHING HAS TO BE ABOUT YOU, YOU KNOW!
AND THE PROSPECT OF LOSING MY GUIDE IS A BIT UPSETTING TO ME!
AS YOUR GUIDE, I SAY RUN! HIDE!
NOW!
OVERGROWN TALKING TOAD!
HAHH!

YEEK!
YEEEK!
SUFFERING MUCH?
Hn-hun!
Gaugh!
GUH-HAHH!
MMMPH...
NOW THAT YOU KNOW ME BETTER... DO YOU THINK I'LL HAVE MERCY BECAUSE YOU'RE A GIRL?
KUH...
NGUH!
HOW ABOUT THIS?
Hah hah
Hah hah
!

NOW, WHAT'S YOUR MOVE, ORC?
I GIVE YOU THE TIME IT TAKES FOR AN AXE TO FALL.
COME STOP ME.
UGDRASIL!
TAKE YOUR CHANCE! FLEE!
HURRY!
AH!
WHAT MAN ARE YOU, ZUZAR MOKÛRZ?!
Hah hah
Hah hah
...UGDRA--

Episode 15
Ghosts from the Past

SYLVIA, I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW DISAPPOINTED WE ALL ARE IN YOU... MAKING YOUR BED WITH ONE OF THESE DISGUSTING CREATURES!
Waah
MOMMY...
MOMMYYYY...
CAN YOU NOT LOOK UP FROM YOUR SHAME? NOW THAT YOU'RE FINALLY SURROUNDED BY YOUR OWN KIND AGAIN? BY...
...CIVILIZED HUMAN BEINGS?
Sob
DON'T CRY FOR ME...
...DARLING UGDRASIL.
IS THAT YOUR ONLY ANSWER?

MY SWEET...
...SWEET CHILD.
THROQU BAG AGH MAT!!!

THAT'S RIGHT, YOU BRAINLESS ANIMAL...
...DUST AND CLAY, EMBRACE AND STAY..
.....
?
HUH?
EARTHEN SHACKLES!
차아
...COME HERE! MAKE CLOSE FRIENDS WITH MY AXE!
WHAT IS THIS?
I CAN'T MOVE!
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RRRAAAGH!
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WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS TRICK?
I'VE SEEN SUMMONINGS BEFORE...
...BUT NOT LIKE THIS.
THESE ARE CREATURES THAT SPRING FROM MY OWN INNER FORCE.
I ADMIT, IT CONSUMES MUCH OF MY ENERGY TO DO...

...BUT I CAN MAKE MORE!

THIS...
...IS NOT A HUMAN ABILITY.

WE'RE SLOWLY LEARNING MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER, AREN'T WE? NOW...

HMM...
THEY'RE ONLY CIRCLING...
AS IF TO...

SPAWN HELLCAT!
OH NO!

BOLLOCKS!
ONE MORE CHEAP SCAR FOR THE COLLECTION.
WHAT DO I DO TO YOU NOW? HUH?!

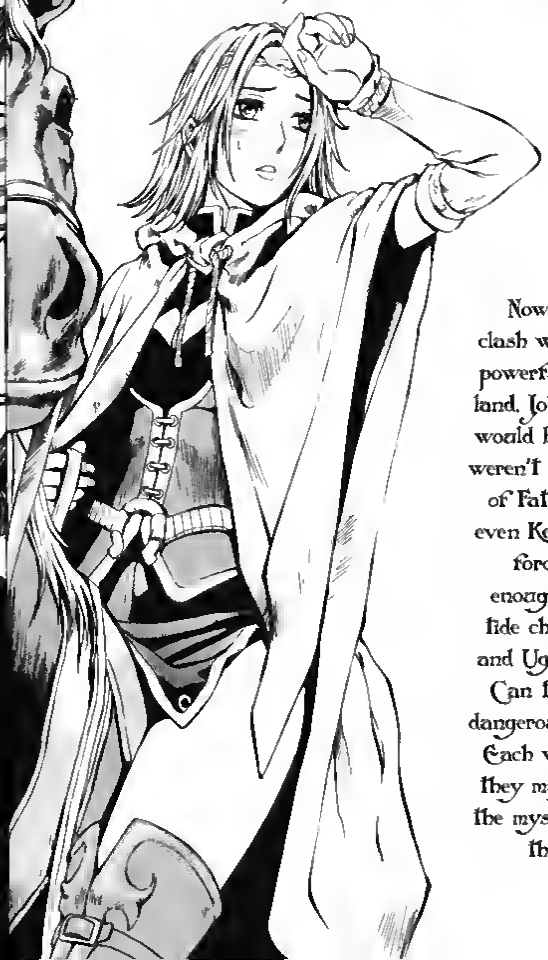
Continues in Archlord Volume 3!

To be continued · · ·

BY SARAH
IN CELEBRATION OF THE COMPLETION OF ARCHLORD, VOLUME 2, I WILL CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW
ME FIRST!
IN THE FIRST VOLUME, IT SAYS THAT I ATE '3 RAMEN X 1 RICE'... THAT'S WRONG!
IT'S 2 AND 2! IT'S 'RAMEN 2 X RICE 1'!! THAT'S ALL I REALLY EAT IN ONE MEAL!
OF COURSE, WHEN I'M FEELING GOOD, I CAN ALSO FIT ONE SERVING OF BREAD IN ME!
SO PLEASE DON'T GET IT WRONG.
NOW, THEN, THE INTERVIEW...
NURGH... THAT BEAST...
UM... ARCHLORD, VOLUME 2... UM... SO...
NO, FIRST... TO THE HOSPITAL...
End of Interview

In the Next Volume of

ARCHLORD



Now embroiled in a clash with the four most powerful warriors in the land, John and his friends would be slaughtered if it weren't for the appearance of Father Kenneth. But even Kenneth's formidable force might not be enough. And when the tide changes, Arin, John and Ugdrasil get split up. Can they hazard their dangerous journey divided? Each will need help, and they may just get it from the mysterious denizens of the Tass Forest.

THANKS FOR READING VOLUME 2 OF TOKYOPOP'S *ARCHLORD* MANGA.

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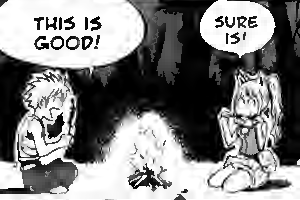
QUICK RELEASE
BY KICKTHEKITTY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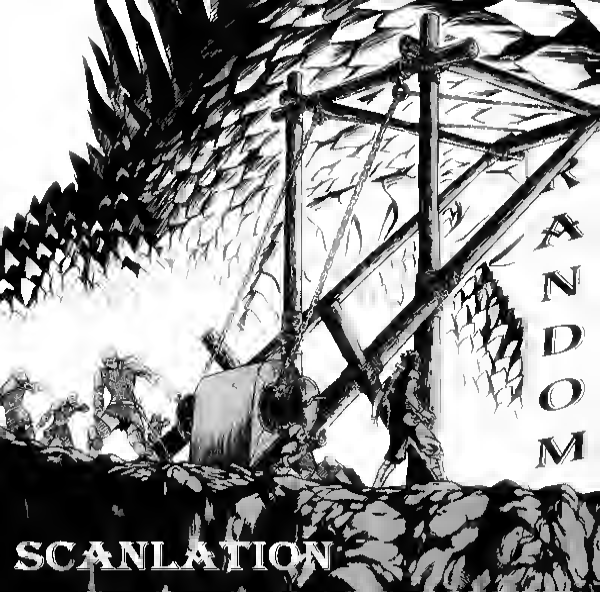
SURE IS!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